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1. ON JAN 30 I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND
AND REITERATED TO HIM AS I HAVE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE
THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE PRG ISSUES. DRAWING
ON DEPTS REFTELS I URGED STRONGLY THAT NORWAY JOIN
US IN OPPOSING PRG PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA LOW CON-
FERENCE AND OBSERVER STATUS AT SEVENTH WMO CONGRESS.

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2. FRYDENLUND WAS DISTRESSED. HE SAID HE HAD JUST MET WITH LEADERS OF SOME 10 NORWEGIAN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WERE PRESSING THE GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE THE STATUS OF THE PRG INFORMATION OFFICE HERE. HE ASID NORWAY HAS NO PLANS TO ACCEDE TO THEIR REQUEST BUT HE STATED THERE ARE ACTIVE DOMESTIC FORCES CALLING UPON HIM TO DO SO. DEMONSTRATIONS AND MEETINGS IN SUPPORT OF NORTH VIETNAM AND PRG AND TO LESSER EXTENT SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE MOUNTED THIS WEEK AS RESULT OF SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM ACCORD.

3. FRYDENLUND PROMISED HE WOULD REVIEW NORWEGIAN LOW POSITION AGAIN BUT SAID HE THOUGHT GON WOULD HOLD FIRM IN ABSTENTION ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE VOTE AND SUPPORT OF A MAJORITY VOTE ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION IN LOW. HE SAID MINISTRY'S LEGAL AUTHORITIES FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT RULE 35 APPLIES IN THIS CASE. HE SAID MINISTRY HAD NOT DECIDED YET ON WMO QUESTION AND THAT IT WOULD DO SO SOON. TO MY QUESTION HE RESPONDED THAT PRG MATTER WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NORDIC PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING IN OSLO JAN 31.

4. BASED ON OUR MEETING, I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT NORWEGIANS WILL MOST LIKELY MAINTAIN THEIR USUAL ABSTENTION POSITION ON THESE ISSUES.
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